

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 12-17 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amends claim 1 and 9 as follows.

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A barrier formulation which comprises an emulsion having at least an oil phase comprising a silicone compound and an aqueous phase, the viscosity of the formulation being 20 Pascal second (20000 cps) or less, and the formulation further comprising an active ingredient, ~~selected from triclosan and alexidine wherein the active ingredient is triclosan~~ present in an amount from 0.5 to 10% by weight of the formulation, and one or more of an emollient, an excipient, a thickener, an emulsifier, a neutralizing agent, a preservative, and water.

2. (Original) A formulation as defined in claim 1 wherein the silicone compound is a silicone fluid.

3. (Original) A formulation as defined in claim 2, wherein the silicone fluid is selected from dimethicone, a silicone emulsion, a dimethicone cross polymer, and a polydimethylsiloxane.

4. (Previously Presented) A formulation as defined in claim 1, which comprises from 0.1 to 10% by weight, from 0.5 to 5% by weight, or from 1% to 2% by weight of the silicone compound.

Claims 5-6 (Canceled).

7. (Previously Presented) A formulation as defined in claim 1, wherein the active ingredient is present in an amount from 0.5 to 10% by weight of the formulation, from 1 to 5% by weight, or about 2% by weight.

8. (Previously Presented) A formulation as defined in claim 1 which further comprises a fragrance.

9. (Currently Amended) A formulation as defined in claim 1, wherein the formulation comprises the following ingredients in the ranges indicated:

Ingredient	Range (wt%)
Castor oil	0.5-3.0
Stearic acid	0.5-8.0
Glycerol stearate	0.1-3.0
Cetyl palmitate	0.1-2.0
Silicone fluid	0.1-10
<u>Nipastat p-hydroxybenzoic acid</u>	0.1-0.5
Jojoba oil	0.1-0.5
Liquid paraffin	0.1-0.5
<u>Active ingredient triclosan</u>	0.5-10
Water	35-95
Carbomer	0.5-8.0
Aloe vera	0.1-2.0
Monopropylene glycol	2.0-15
Triethanolamine	0.1-2.0

10. (Previously Presented) A barrier formulation as defined in claim 1, for use as a skin barrier for humans or animals.

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11. (Previously Presented) A barrier formulation as defined claim 1, for use in medicine, including veterinary medicine.

Claims 12-17 (Canceled).

18. (Withdrawn) A method for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of skin conditions, the method comprising applying a barrier formulation as defined in claim 1 to the skin.

19. (Withdrawn) A method for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of infection, the method comprising applying a barrier formulation of claim 1 to a human or animal.

20. (Withdrawn) A method for the treatment and/or prevention of hospital acquired infections, the method comprising administering a barrier formulation as defined in claim 1 to a health care worker.

21. (Withdrawn) A method of manufacturing a formulation comprising an emulsion having at least an oil phase and an aqueous phase wherein the oil phase comprises a silicone compound which method comprises the steps of:

- (a) preparing an oil phase containing a silicone compound;
- (b) preparing an aqueous phase;
- (c) mixing the oil phase and the aqueous phase together;
- (d) neutralising the mixture with a neutralising agent.

22. (Withdrawn) A method as defined in claim 19 wherein the water phase is added to the oil phase to obtain an oil-in-water emulsion.